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The Last One Has Fallen.

The death of Wilson Bergstres-ser, who was born in Center county, Pa., December 1, 1826, and died at Waterfall Mills, this county, December 31, 1901, is the last member of the old Lewis Bergstres-ser family.

April, 1845, he, with his father, Lewis Bergstres-ser, Sr., and family, moved from near Shir-leysburg, Huntingdon county, to Waterfall—then almost a wilder-ness—on a farm along Sideling Hill creek, having on it a story-and-a-half log house and log barn—both of which are standing yet. The house roof consists of white pine shingles put on over sixty years ago.

His father, being a good mill-wright, had discovered on this farm before he bought it, a fine water power, and he intended putting up a grist mill, but dying within a month after moving, his plans were frustrated.

During the years 1847-8, Wil-son Bergstres-ser spent an ap-prenticeship with his uncle, Dan-iel Snyder, at Bradys Bend, Cla-riou county, Pa., which was then a wild section of pine and hem-lock forests, and many wild beasts. Mr. Snyder having butchered some sheep, hung the hides in an upstairs floor of the mill, and the wild cats having scented them, made their way in-to the mill at night after the sheep hides.

Returning from his uncle's mill at Bradys Bend, he took charge, in 1849, of Adam Wade-man's mill at Dublin Mills, this county. During 1850-1 he had charge of the Stone Mill at the furnace at Carrick, in Franklin county. At the close of 1851, he was employed by Judge Eyster & Sons, and took charge of their large stone flouring mills, in Chambersburg, Pa., where he re-mained until the spring of 1859.

July, 1854, he was married in Kittanning, Armstrong county, Pa., to Miss Sarah Wright, took his young bride with him to Chambersburg, and went to house-keeping.

To this union were born four children—three boys and one girl—Frank A., residing in Chat-tanooga, Tenn., engaged in the real estate business; Mary, mar-ried to A. E. Witter, merchant at Waterfall, this county; Mead, died 1884, aged 21 years, and Harry H., teaching the home pub-lic school.

March, 1859, Wilson Bergstres-ser with his wife and two chil-dren, moved from Chambers-burg, where he had been for so many years employed in the Eyster Co.'s Mill, to what is now Waterfall, Fulton county, Pa.—at that time the greater part be-ing in woods—there being but one dwelling house on the place and he and his family took up their abode in that house with his brother Lewis, who then owned the old farm.

He proceeded at once to carry out the purpose of his father, when fifteen years before, he had bought the property. The spring and summer of 1859, he employed a number of good, true, working men to dig a mill race three-quar-ters of a mile in length, and with his own work, being well skilled in handling edged tools, having knowledge of carpenter and mill wright framing, he was, as it is often said, head and shoulders above many others; and with the aid of carpenters he soon had a saw mill erected, the timber of which was taken from the stump, for he had prepared himself with a seven-pound double-bit axe to fell the many great oaks and pines in the immediate section for the building of the saw mill and the grist mill. In 1859 the race was dug and the saw mill built, and in 1860 the grist mill was built, and started grinding in April, 1861—about the time of the firing upon Fort Sumter.

For want of space we are obliged to con-tain this notice to next week's issue.

Capt. and Mrs. C. T. Dixon of Sipes Mill, spent a day in town recently.

Morgret-Ryan.

At the home of the bride's pa-rents Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Ryan of Paterson, N. J., January 2, 1902, Mr. G. R. Morgret, formerly of this county, and Miss Mamie Ryan were united in marriage.

Miss Sadie Long, cousin of the bride was maid of honor, and Mr. Frank Atkinson, best man. Two little cousins of the bride were flower girls. After the ceremony and congratulations, elaborate re-freshments were served, when the bride and groom left on their wedding tour, expecting in the end to reach Johnstown, Pa., where Mr. Morgret has a position on a street car line. The bride is an only daughter, and her fa-ther is president of the Paterson Street Railway Company.

The best wishes of their many friends in Paterson follow them to their home in Johnstown.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Morgret accompanied the bridal couple, and will spend a couple of weeks at Johnstown. J. E. Morgret has charge of the street railway shops at Paterson.

Whips Cove.

Our young men have quite a fine time shooting mark. No game to shoot now, you know.

The mountain roads are in a very icy condition.

Mrs. S. N. Garland had the misfortune to fall on the ice, and seriously injure herself.

Mr. and Mrs. Denton Hoopen-gardner spent Christmas in Han-cock with their daughter, Mrs. Edwin Bushong at the Barton House.

Misses Pearl E. and Clara B., Sharpe, were accompanied by their two gentlemen friends Wm. L. and Jackson A., Hendershot, to Buck Valley to attend Christ-mas entertainment and oyster supper.

James S. Akers has purchased a fine lot of dry goods for his store. James is a hustler.

There was a Christmas enter-tainment at Whips Cove church. The protracted meeting at Jeru-salem church begins the third Sunday in January.

Howard Garland has returned home from Tiffin, Ohio.

Ira Smith and sister Blanche, attended the oyster supper in the Valley.

Lem Smith and Bell Diehl at-tended the Christmas entertain-ment at McKendree.

Gust Davison and Ollie Gar-land were married Tuesday at Berkeley Springs.

Lewis Layton has returned home from Illinois.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Lake are visiting relatives at Mt. Savage. Our up-to-date butcher, H. B. Sharpe, was seen going to Need-more last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carey Layton are the proud possessors of a new baby boy.

Ed Diehl and C. T. Layton went to Everett last Tuesday. Ed expects to move in the near fu-ture to his old homestead.

Diphtheria has about disap-peared from the Cove.

Wells Tannery.

Mr. J. W. Gibson is the posses-sor of a clock in running order that was brought from Ireland by his grandfather, John Gibson in 1812. It is 9 feet high; case, black walnut, and works all made of apple wood, except the escape-ment wheel, which is brass. On the face are a number of emblems of secret orders of which he was a member.

Miss Cora Stunkard has re-turned from a two weeks' visit among friends in Bedford.

Nathan Horton and Miss Stella Hixon visited her parents in Brush Creek township Saturday and Sunday.

W. H. Baumgardner made a business trip to Huntingdon last Monday.

One of our town's latest im-provements is a corn-crusher and wood-saw owned by Jesse Young. He cut into stove lengths, for James Barnett, 54 two-horse loads of wood in 17 hours.

Didn't Know It Was Loaded.

New Years Day was a sad one in the home of Mrs. John Rupert near Sallito.

In the morning, Mrs. Rupert and her sons Fred and Samuel were busy getting ready to go to Mr. and Mrs. Kime Rorer's near Brownsville, Huntingdon county, for dinner.

When they were nearly ready to start, Samuel, who was out-side the house, called to Fred that he heard crows, and that he should get the rifle and come and shoot one. Fred got the gun down, and to find whether or not it was loaded, put one of his feet on the hammer, pushed it back, and proceeded to blow into the muzzle. The foot had a rubber over shoe on, and slipped. The hammer went down, the gun was discharged, the ball entered the unfortunate young man's mouth and went crashing into his brain, and he fell beside the kitchen stove—dead.

His mother was standing on the opposite side of the stove and witnessed the whole affair.

The young man was 18 years of age, and was at New Grenada the day previous in the best of spirits.

Will any one who reads this ever blow into the muzzle of a gun to find out whether it is loaded?

Thanks.

Just as the old year was leav-ing us, the quiet of the parsonage was again disturbed by the merr-y voices of about fifty members, laden with the good things of life for man and beast.

Tables, boxes, baskets, &c., groaned beneath the weight of the same. As we looked on all sides, we could not help but breathe the grateful expression to The Giver of all good; "Thou crownest the year with thy good-ness, and thy paths drop fat-ness."

In a few well chosen words, Mr. John Comerger made the pre-sentation address.

After the response, all united in seeking the continued favor of our common Father on high, and the remaining part of the evening was spent in social fel-lowship.

We all thank the kind donors for this remembrance, and invoke the divine blessings upon them.

A. G. WOLF,
Pastor.

Gem.

Levi Keefe of Ayr, passed through our town last Monday with a nice bunch of stock.

Jno. D. Mellott and Wink Broth-ers moved their wood saw from Dr. Swartzwelder's to G. J. Mel-lott's and sawed a large pile of wood for the winter and coming summer.

Abner Truax intends building a new house this spring. He is now hauling stone for the founda-tion.

Mr. Harvey and Miss Ada Snid-er visited relatives recently at Pectonville, Md., and Martins-burg W. Va.

James Hollenshead moved on the farm of Joseph B. Mellott, (commonly known as the Brick House farm) the first of the month.

W. M. Funk, who recently "took unto himself a woman," in-tends going to housekeeping in Needmore.

Our village blacksmith is now employed in slaying timber for W. H. Peck.

Austin, Victor, and Bliss Lynch spent the holidays at the home of their mother, Mrs. Amanda Lynch.

The salvation preachers Gener-al Peddin and Captain Dotterman were visiting in our section the first of last week.

G. G. Chambers and wife visit-ed Mrs. Chambers's uncle and aunt Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Brewer on their way back to Ayr town-ship.

Among the sick are Austin Lynch and Miss G. V. Truax. Isaiah Mellott is now erecting a new stable.

Miss Lyda Peck attended church at Antioch last Sunday.

Births, 297; Deaths, 120.

According to the returns made by the assessors, the births and deaths in this county from De-cember 20, 1900, to December 20, 1901 were as follows:

Ayr	37	16
Belfast	24	3
Bethel	23	6
Brush Creek	16	7
Dublin	29	17
Licking Creek	25	16
McConnellsburg	9	4
Taylor	33	14
Thompson	18	14
Tod	4	7
Union	23	10
Wells	16	6
Total	297	120

Thompson.

W. H. Pittman and Wm. H. Hess started on the 3rd inst. to visit Dr. Joe Pittman in West Va.

John F. Hess and Howard Zim-merman went to Washington, Pa., last week to visit friends.

Mrs. Dennis Everts spent a few days last week at Mrs. Greg-ory's.

While driving a team last Satur-day, Willard Litton slipped and fell under the wagon, and one of the wheels ran over one of his arms, bruising it badly. While the injury was bad enough it is very fortunate that it was not worse.

Mr. Ezra Litton died at his home at Nekoma, Ill., on Decem-ber 24, 1901, aged about 67 years. Mr. Litton was a native of this county, and was married to Miss Rhoda Hess, a daughter of the late Stilwell Hess of Thompson township. In 1855, they went to Illinois, where he lived the re-mainder of his life, accumulating considerable property. He is survived by his wife, two sons, and a daughter.

Mr. Howard Martin has finish-ed sawing shingles at Charles Bishop's. He says he is going to Mr. Elliot Akers's the 7th of this month if he has to put runners on his engine.

Mr. J. H. Covatt purchased a registered Chester White pig last week.

It is reported that two people with petticoats on were seen near Charles Bishop's the other night, who turned their backs to people who passed. Charley says he thinks he will get more pad-locks.

Rev. Baugher preached at Antioch last Sunday; also, Rev. Grey preached at Oakley.

Mr. Dayton Peck and sister were visiting near Lock 53 last week.

Miss Anna Barnhart made a flying trip south last week.

Needmore.

C. M. Dixon of Chambersburg, was in this vicinity last Sunday.

Miss Anna Culler and Miss Clyde Hess visited at Mr. William Lake's Sunday last.

Mr. Dennis Morgret of near Hancock, made a business trip to this town on Monday. It is re-ported that he and Mr. Thomas Palmer have rented their farm to the Barnhart Bros. of Bethel.

The wayworn traveler mention-ed in last week's communication has worn such a pleased look since his return that we were de-cidedly right in our prediction. As he came driving in the other evening doing service for "Uncle Sam," he was heard to say to his horse, "Get up here Bet; it's well the boys don't know I am mar-ried or the cigars would be to pay." Never mind Thompson, they will accept those later when they call to pay their Calithum-pian respects.

Miss Jessie Geinger and broth-er Watson spent a part of Sun-day at Mr. Palmer's.

Mr. Milton B. Hill intends mov-ing to his father's farm now.

Mr. Arlington Garland preached at Needmore on Sunday last. Mr. Garland is starting in ministerial work and we predict a future for him.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley McKee was buried at Antioch on Tuesday.

Reopening of the Wells Valley M. E. Church.

The Wells Valley M. E. church will be reopened Sunday, Janu-ary 12, 1902.

Rev. Richard Hinkle of Ever-ett, Rev. G. S. Camp of Hopewell, Rev. U. B. Smith of Cassville, and Rev. Elisha Shoemaker of Hus-tontown, are expected to be pres-ent.

A sermon will be preached on Saturday evening, January 11th, at 7 o'clock.

On Sunday, a testimony meet-ing will begin at 9.30 a. m., last-ing one hour; at 10.30 a. m. Rev. Richard Hinkle will preach.

At 2.30 p. m. there will be a meeting of the Sunday school, and at 3 p. m. a sermon will be delivered.

The evening services will begin at 6 o'clock, when an hour will be devoted to the Epworth League Chapter, on the subject, "Enter-ing the Kingdom," and at 7.00 a sermon, will close the services of the day.

All are heartily invited to at-tend all of these services, and en-joy the hospitality of the commu-nity.

W. J. SHEAFFER,
Pastor.

Hustontown.

Mr. John Hoover has rented the Indian Queen hotel at this place and will occupy it April 1st.

Mrs. Mary Davis who has been dangerously ill for the past week, is slowly improving.

Hon. S. W. Kirk made a busi-ness trip to this place last Satur-day.

Mrs. Melroy is still ill at this writing. We hope for her speedy recovery.

Mr. Norman Laidig has secur-ed employment in the transfer at Pitsaen, Pa.

It is surmised that quite a lot of property will change hands in this village between this and spring.

Mrs. Mayne of Fort Littleton, spent a few days recently with Mr. John Hoover's family.

Superintendent Chestnut has rented the P. O. S. of a store room, and will remove his hard-ware store to that place soon.

The shooting match at Charles Schooley's on New Year's day was well attended. Mr. Harry Lamberson was among the lucky ones.

Mr. J. Calvin Kirk and wife of Wells, spent Sunday with Mr. Jacob Lamberson.

Big Cove Tannery.

Harry Ray spent last week in Mercersburg.

Ephraim Houck has rented Mr. Billy Patterson's farm.

Our school is getting along well this winter.

Miss Sophia Houck, and broth-er Paul, spent Thursday evening at Lew Crouse's.

Stillie Morgret left Monday for Steelton, where he has em-ployment.

Elliot Ray was at McConnells-burg yesterday.

Mrs. Susan Bivens called to see Mrs. Trostle yesterday.

Miss Irene Pott has gone to Li-bonia to work this winter.

Miss Blanche Houck spent a couple days visiting friends at McConnellsburg.

Bert Souders, who has been in Freeport, Ill., for a few months, is home visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. V. B. Souders.

Gen. J. Pedden, J. L. Richards, Capt. A. Dotterman, George W. Deshong and son Charley, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. La-ley last Thursday.

There was quite a number met last Saturday and cleared off the ground one-fourth mile north of J. L. Richards' home, on which a Salvation Army church is to be built.

The Salvation Army will hold an oyster supper in the Big Cove band room on Friday and Satur-day evening Jan. 17, and 18. The funds will be used toward build-ing a Salvation Army church. All are welcome to attend the oyster supper.

Permanent Certificates.

Dr. N. C. Schaeffer, state su-perintendent of public instruc-tion, has appointed the following persons to membership on the committee on permanent certi-ficates for Fulton county: Prof. B. N. Palmer, Needmore, Prof. E. M. Gress, McConnellsburg, and Miss Stella Bard, whose present address is McConnells-burg.

Persons now holding perma-nent certificates may continue to teach the branches therein nam-ed without any further examina-tion; but neither civil government nor elementary algebra can be added to their certificates unless they pass the required examina-tion. Professional certificates will be valid until the close of the school year ending June, 1903.

After the first Monday of June 1902, no provisional, professional or permanent certificate will be issued to persons who fail to pass the required examinations in civil government and elementary algebra.

Seward, Ill.

DECEMBER 31, 1901.

DEAR EDITOR:—I will take the pleasure to drop a few lines to my old friends in Fulton county.

I still find your paper one of the greatest of comforts. It reaches me every Saturday morning now, and it seems as though I was at home, when I sit down and read all the news of good old Fulton. I noticed in the issue of two weeks ago an account of the wreck of the Illinois Central Railroad which happened east of Rockford. I was in it. The same road passes through this village. The passenger train is due here at 6:45. It was terri-ble.

Well, we are all getting along very well out here—fine weather, and good prices for grain. There are not so many cattle fed around here this year. Grain is too high.

Your paper has enlightened me as to all the improvements of grand old McConnellsburg.

I should have loved to spend the holidays at home and greet my old chums.

Well, as this is the last evening of the old year, I will close by wishing to all readers of the "Fulton County News" a happy and prosperous New Year. Good by, all. May God watch and keep us all through the new year.

OMERT S. PEIGHTEL.

New Grenada.

Rev. W. H. Dressler is holding a series of meetings in Bethel church.

Jesse O. McClain, of Roberts-dale, paid our town a business visit last Thursday evening.

O. E. Cook, of East Broad Top, and Wm. Fritchey, of Huntingdon, visited C. H. E. Plummer on Fri-day.

Robert and William Hunter, of the Philadelphia Dental college, visited a couple of days here the guests of H. H. Bridenstine.

James Horton, of Saluvia, stop-ped a night with Flick, and had a pleasant chat.

Evelyn McClain and daughter Maud, went to Cassville, to spend a few weeks with her son, Dr. C. A. R. McClain.

Mrs. Henry Rowe, of Knobs-ville, visited friends here a couple of days, and when returning home, Mrs. Eliza Anderson accom-panied her.

Dr. Campbell can testify to the slipperiness and uncertainty of securing a foothold on the ice at Robertsdale.

If the weather keeps cool and protracted meetings keep up, "Hooky" may finish the black-smith trade this winter.

E. A. Horton and C. H. E. Plum-mer, directors of Wells, visited No. 4 school Friday.

Candidates for township and county offices are bobbing up.

M. W. Corbin and wife, and Ida Watkin, all of Taylor, visited Jacob S. Black's on Thursday.

Items are like money and eggs—very scarce.

Personals.

Mr. and Mrs. Gailey Chambers returned to Carlisle Monday.

Jones Lake of Taylor was among those in town Monday.

Mr. Frank Peck of Johnstown is visiting his uncle Riley Peck of this place.

Mr. Isaac B. Layton, of Belfast township, spent a few hours in town Tuesday.

Mr. Albert Plessinger was a business visitor to the county seat last Wednesday.

Miss Bertha Hudson a typo of the News office force, spent last Sunday at Burnt Cabins.

Mrs. Sallie Seylar of Hancock, has returned from a visit to her sister in Canton, Illinois.

Miss Lois A. Caldwell went to Philadelphia last Saturday and on Monday entered Nef's College.

Mr. Perry S. Hughes of Frank-lin Mills was an early caller at this office Wednesday morning.

Miss Dixie Robinson left last week for Washington, D. C., where she expects to spend the winter.

George Rexroth, William Hull, David Gress, and T. J. Comerger spent Sunday afternoon at M. Knauff's.

Harry Wilson of Taylor town-ship has returned from the Al-tona Hospital after six weeks of suffering.

Mrs. Adessa Mellott and son John of Minnesota are visiting her mother and other friends in the Cove.

Miss Annie Shelly of Franklin county spent a few days last week with Mr. and Mrs. Valen-tine Houpt.

Mr. Scott Kegarice of Saluvia was among the number who called on New Year's day and sub-scribed for the News.

Miss Elizabeth Deitrich, after a visit to her niece, Mrs. Ellie Fryman, returned to her home at Waynesboro last week.

Mrs. John W. Mumma, and Mrs. Michael Laidig, of Laidig, were pleasant callers at the News office while in town Monday.

Mr. David Kirk, of Taylor township, spent several days dur-ing the past week with his broth-er Hon. S. W. Kirk of this place.

Mr. and Mrs. Jefferson C. Mel-lott of Belfast township spent last Thursday night with Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Mellott of this place.

John Patterson, who is now one of Philadelphia's hustling commission merchants, spent from Saturday until Monday in this place.

Miss Alice Dickson of this place left last Thursday morning for Philadelphia, to enter Pierce's Business College for a course in Typewriting and Stenography.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Fisher of Bedford, drove down to this place Sunday and became the guests of their uncle and aunt Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Woollet of the Wash-ington House.

Geo. A. Ott left last Thursday morning to accept a position in the 20th Century Clothing estab-lishment of Harry E. Goldsmith at Windber. George is a num-ber one young man and can fill the bill.

Dr. E. L. Wrenmore, a gradu-ate of the Western Reserve Uni-versity, Cleveland, Ohio, has been in town a few days with a view to locating here for the practice of medicine in the office recently vacated by Dr. Curtis.